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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 26 May 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The 312 did not actually offer an amendment but simply pointed out issues regarding the previous amendment. Applicant is entirely correct that claims 8, 167, 171 and 172 are cancelled in the amendment filed 3/23/04.*

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